TIPPECANOE COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE 2009 REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

- To pursue Justice through fair and ethical prosecution of criminal offenders
- Seek Justice for Victims of Crime
- Create a safer community through positive partnerships with law enforcement, community organizations, schools, religious organizations, elected leaders and government agencies
- Earn and hold the trust and respect of the citizens we are privileged and honored to serve

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

OPERATED UNDER BUDGET FOR 3d CONSECUTIVE YEAR

SAVINGS OF \$222, 000 RETURNED TO TIPPECANOE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

THREE YEAR TOTAL--- \$753,000 UNDER BUDGET

RETURNED \$54,334 FROM CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION TO GENERAL FUND

RECEIVED \$70,701 IN CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVE FUNDS

GRANT AWARDS

- > 2009 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT OF \$41,000
- CRASH TEAM GRANT OF \$57,000

JURY TRIAL PERFORMANCE

- ▶ 33 Jury Trials (53 in 2008, 51 in 2007)
- ▶ 24 Guilty, 7 Not Guilty, 2 Mistrials
- > 77% Conviction Rate (81% 2008, 73% 2007)

Felony Court Jury Trial Performance

- ▶ 20 Jury Trials (28 in 2008)
- ▶ 15 Convictions, 3 Not Guilty, 2 Mistrials
- ▶ 81% Conviction Rate (89% 2008, 84% 2007)

Misdemeanor Jury Trial Performance

- ▶ 13 Jury Trials
- ▶ 8 Guilty, 5 Not Guilty
- ▶ 61% Conviction Rate (72% 2008, 58% 2007)

Jury Trial Offenses

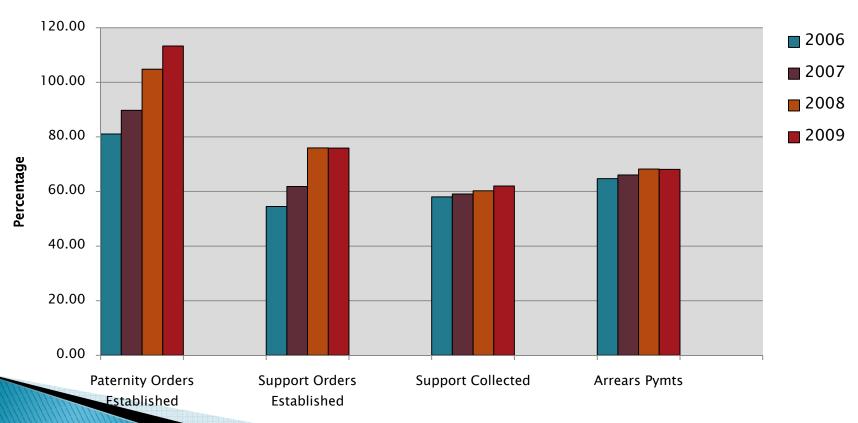
- 27% Violent Crime
- 21% Operating While Intoxicated
- ▶ 15% Drugs
- ▶ 15% Sex Crimes/Crimes Against Children
- ▶ 15% Multiple Offenses
- ▶ 6% Property

Child Support Division Performance



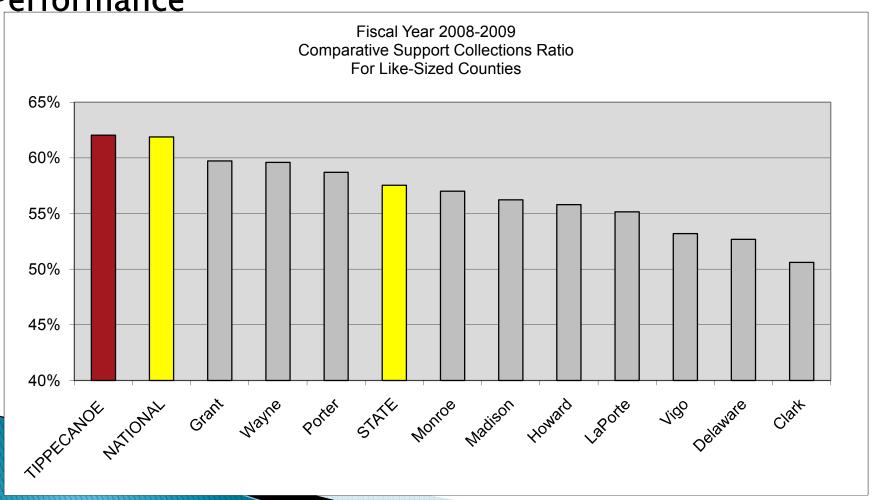
Performance

Federal Performance Measures Over Time





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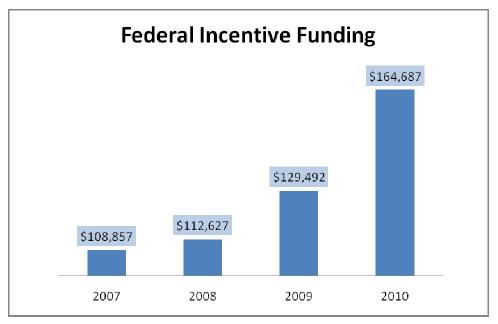


Performance

- Collected \$10.7 million in child support
- \$70K collected from asset seizures:
 - ✓ Accounts
 - ✓ Property
 - ✓ Settlements

- FiscalResponsibility
 - Operated under budget 3rd consecutive year
 - Returned \$54,334 to general fund (8.4%)

FiscalResponsibility



> Technology

- Paperless office
- 7.2 tons paper shredded
- 144 sq. ft. storage space reclaimed



CustomerService



- Leadership
 - Conference presenter
 - County visits
 - Child Support Alliance Board
 - Future Users Committee
 - Subject–Matter Experts

2009 CRIMINAL CASELOAD STATISTICS

- Overall increase of 2.6% from 2008
- Increase due from Traffic Offenses
- ▶ 15,706 Traffic offenses v. 14, 517 in 2008

JUVENILE PROSECUTION

- ▶ 395 Delinquency Petitions Filed (459 in 2008)
- 48 Waiver Petitions to Adult Court (39 in 2008)
- ▶ 125 Show Cause Hearings (116 in 2008)
- 302 Modifications Motions (Probation Violations) (358 in 2008)
- 20 Cases with GANG Indicators (First year tracking)

FELONY CASELOAD

Major Felony: 428 A Felony, B Felony, C Felony filed compared to 460 in 2008

- ▶ 1252 D Felony v. 1319 in 2008
- 532 Cases Closed in Superior 1, Superior 2, and Circuit Court (563 in 2008)

MISDEMEANOR CASELOAD

- ▶ 4202 Cases v. 4,731 in 2008
- ▶ 1205 Operating While Intoxicated Cases (1220 in 2008)
- 222 were Class D Felony (Prior Conviction within prior 5 Years) v. 267 in 2008

DRUG CASES

- 240 Cases filed in Superior 1, Superior 2, and Circuit Court v. 269 in 2008. (New Court Rules on filing of D Felony Drug Cases implemented mid-2009)
- Heroin Cases Dramatically Increased 31 cases compared to 8 in 2008
- Methamphetamine jumped 28 cases v. 12 in 2008

DRUG CASES

- 44% Cases investigated by GRIT/DTF, LPD STREET CRIMES UNIT, WLPD DRUG UNIT
- Drug Trafficking Controlled by Gangs, which is evidenced by Heroin, Methamphetamine, Crack Cocaine, and powder Cocaine cases.

FORFEITURES

- 49 Cases Filed (52 in 2008)
- 39 Cases Disposed of (55 in 2008)
- \$854 average per case (\$1300 in 2008)
- \$34,000 Forfeited (\$72,000 in 2008)
- \$161,000 Total Collected 2007–2009 State Forfeitures
- ▶ 14 Vehicles (11 in 2008)

CHECK DECEPTION PROGRAM

- PROGRAM WAS OUTSOURCED IN 2007, ONE EMPLOYEE POSITION ELIMINATED
- ▶ 1182 CASES REFERRED
- ▶ \$63,540 COLLECTED FOR VICTIMS
- 2.7% Recidivism Rate
- PROGRAM ALLOWS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

INVESTIGATORS DIVISION

- 364 Crimes Against Children Investigations, including Heartford House Interviews
- Assisted Staff Prosecutors on 33 Jury Trials
- Assisted FBI, United States District Attorney, Purdue University Police investigation into nation wide case using internet to create false reports of active shooters, and bomb scares.
- Organized and Supervised Forensic Training for local Law Enforcement
- Attended Annual Mandatory Training

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- Responsible for Investigations of neglect, self-neglect, battery, and exploitation of anyone who may be an endangered adult as defined by Indiana Law
- 2 Investigators cover Tippecanoe and 7 surrounding counties.
- ▶ 1896 Calls for Service (1,971 in '08)
- ▶ 613 Case Investigations (601 in '08)

- 23 Presentations to Community/Community Meetings
- 7 Court Cases

VICTIM ASSISTANCE DIVISION

- Responsibilities include victim notification, restitution, referrals for assistance, no contact orders, work closely with domestic violence service providers, and comunication with all Deputy Prosecutors concerning case status.
- Approximately 3218 written communications with victims 2009
- Member YWCA Domestic Violence Program

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2009 Community Gang Awareness Forum
- Attended 158 Community/Government/Law Enforcement Meetings
- Guest Speaker at 22 Events
- 2009 Guest Presenter at Indiana Prosecutor Attorney Council Spring Traffic Update, IPAC Summer Seminar, Indiana State Department Of Education Annual Conference
- Habitat For Humanity Veterans Build Volunteers

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD

Established 2007- Trains Landlords and Property Managers on crime prevention, community safety, and establishing cooperative effort among neighborhoods and law enforcement

Funded by Federal Grant Funds

Nationally Recognized Program

WE-TIP PROGRAM

- #1 Program in the United States based on number of tips received and population size.
- 2755 WE-TIP Calls from 5/08 to 4/2010
- ▶ 1896 Calls Tippecanoe County only
- Drug Sales and Child Endangerment most frequent tip

PSN/GANG INITIATIVE

▶ Established Tippecanoe County PSN Anti-Gang Response Initiative (TCPSNAGRI) which consist of local, state and federal law enforcement in cooperation with local school corporations to exchange information concerning gang activity.



PROSECUTOR'S WEBSITE

▶ 12, 551 Hits on PSN Website from 5/1/09 to 4/30/10

▶ 129,067 Hits on PSN Documents from 5/1/09 to 4/30/10

FEDERAL-STATE PROSECUTIONS

- Appointed Special Assistant United States
 Attorney on August 6, 2008
- Assist in Federal Grand Jury based upon criminal investigations and crime from Tippecanoe County
- Joint Federal-Local Gang / Drug Investigation Unit.

2009 Goals

- Improve Felony Intake by having Felony Deputy Prosecutors Rotate Intake – Yes, Spring of 2009
- Join Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) - Yes, Spring 2009
- Child Support to Maintain/Increase
 Performance Yes,

2009 Goals

- Paperless Child Support/ Create Customer Service Area-Yes; Summer 2009
- Remodel 5th Floor to create additional office space-;Yes, Fall, 2009
- Implement Child Support Website to Prosecutor's Website-Yes
- Implement Law Enforcement Preparing Search Warrants- Yes; Summer 2009

2009 GOALS

- Improve Project Safe Neighborhood Program Gang Awareness-Yes, Summer 2009 Community Forum
- Paperless Office-Still Developing Project, Have met with software vendors, Tippecanoe County Clerks Office, and Law Enforcement Agencies

2010 GOALS

- In-House Training for Deputy Prosecutors, including presentations of information learned at conferences
- Continue with Paperless Project
- Arson Investigation Task Force-assist local fire departments in evidence gathering necessary for prosecution
- Select a Community Volunteer Project (Habitat for Humanity)

2010 GOALS

Improve Jury Success Rate